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INTO FLOWER POTS OR PLANT	)		
COVERS AND METHODS	)		

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

**List of Sections Forming Part of This  
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The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:

1. ☒ Preliminary Statements
2. ☒ FORM PTO/SB/08A AND 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449)
3. ☒ Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted
4. ☒ Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying this Statement

5. ☒ Identification of Person(s) Making this Information Disclosure Statement

### **Section 1. Preliminary Statements**

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability or that no other material information exists.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner. Notice of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13-25, at 25.

### **Section 2. Form PTO-1449 (Modified)**

- ☒ A completed Form PTO/SB/08A and/or 08B is attached hereto.
- ☐ No Form PTO/SB/08A and/or 08B is attached.

### **Section 3. Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted**

This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application **Serial No. 09/632,477, filed on August 4, 2000.**

The following references were submitted to, and/or cited by, the Office in the prior application(s) and therefore, are not required to be provided in this application:

<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>			
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BU	5117584	Ottenwalder et al.	06/02/1992
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BW	5332610	Weder et al.	07/26/1994
BX	5402601	Garcia	04/04/1995
BY	5489453	Friesch	02/06/1996
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CA	6089446	Hirano	07/18/2000
<b>FOREIGN PATENT OR PUBLISHED FOREIGN PATENT APPLICATION</b>			
CB	2406522	France	05/18/1979
<b>OTHER MATERIALS</b>			
CC	"A World Of Cut Flower And Pot Plant Packaging" published by Klerk's Plastic Products Manufacturing Inc., 6 pages, date unknown.		

**Section 4. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying this Statement**

Legible copies of all items listed in Form PTO-1449 (Modified) accompany this information disclosure statement.

☒ Exception(s) to above:

☒ Items in prior application from which an earlier filing date is claimed for this application, as identified in Section 4.

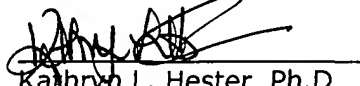
☐ Cumulative patents or publications identified in Section 5.

**Section 5. Identification of Person(s) Making this INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

The person making this statement is the attorney who signs below on the basis of the information:

- ☐ supplied by the inventor(s)
- ☐ supplied by an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application (37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c)).
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